



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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Holiday Lighting Ceremonies around the Upcounty

Clarksburg	Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm, corner of Rt. 355 and Clarksburg Road
Boys	Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm, Boyds Presbyterian Church
Poolesville	Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm, Whalen Commons, 19701 Fisher Avenue
Montgomery Village	Wednesday, November 28, Montgomery Village Avenue and Stedwick Road



Meet the Lenders!

Tuesday, December 11

9:00am – 11:3am

**Germantown Innovation Center
20271 Goldenrod Lane, Germantown**

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development invite you to an event to discover financing resources for your business. You'll have face-to-face meetings with more than 15 lenders and learn alternative financing strategies and requirements. Find the best lender for your project!

For more information, or to register online, visit the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber's website at http://www.ggchamber.org/events/calendar/event_details.asp?id=1773

This event is free, but registration is required!

Leggett Announces Next Phase in Smart Growth Initiative for the Life Sciences Corridor; *Hines Team Selected to Lead Effort*

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett announced today that the Department of General Services has selected a team to develop the County's former Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA) property – moving forward Leggett's Smart Growth Initiative in the County's life sciences corridor. The Smart Growth Initiative is redeveloping key County properties to support mixed use, transit-oriented, sustainable developments. The redevelopment team will be led by Hines, a privately owned firm involved in real estate investment, development and property management worldwide.

The project is expected to include up to 2,000 housing units to serve a broad range of incomes and needs, along with stores, shops and work places.

For more information on the [Smart Growth Initiative](#), see the [County's website](#). Information about [Hines](#) is available on the [firm's website](#).

Board of Education Seeks Community Comment

The Montgomery County Board of Education is requesting community comment on revisions to Policy DNA, ***Disposition of Board of Education Property***. This policy provides for the disposal of Montgomery County Board of Education Property.

A copy of the draft policy, [Policy DNA, Disposition of Board of Education Property](#), is available through the Department of Public Information and Web Services by calling 301-279-3391. You also can access the policy on the [MCPS website](#).

Individuals who wish to provide comments should respond in writing by January 9, 2013. All responses should be sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 122, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or sent by email to the Board of Education at boe@mcpsmd.org. All responses will be shared with the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.

County Launches Campaign to Remind Residents to Bring Reusable Bags during the Holiday Shopping Season

To help remind Montgomery County residents and shoppers to keep their reusable bags handy when visiting local retailers this holiday season -- and beyond -- the County has launched a public education campaign featuring the slogan, "Holiday Shopping? Bring Your Bag; Fight Litter." Ads on Ride On buses and at bus shelters and a [commercial](#) airing on cable television have been created as visual reminders to those shopping in the County.

"Litter is a public health nuisance; it pollutes the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers (our source of drinking water) and drives up taxpayer-funded cleanup costs," said County Executive Ike Leggett. "In fact, County agencies spend about \$3 million a year to reduce litter and bags are the most common component of this litter stream. This is too much money to spend on a problem that is wholly preventable."

"We know that in the first 18 months of their bag law, the District of Columbia reduced litter by 65 percent," Leggett noted. "We're confident that Montgomery County can have the same results."

For more information about the law and to view the holiday shopping campaign materials, visit the [bag law website](#) at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bag.

“Eyes” Campaign and “Shop With a Cop” Promote Safety for Pedestrians, Drivers and Shoppers

The County has launched two public education campaigns to improve public safety that encourage residents to look out for each other during the busy holiday shopping season

For more details about the programs and a list of pedestrian, driver and shopper safety tips, see the [press release](#). For more information about pedestrian safety, go to the [County's pedestrian safety website](#).

Pepco Launches New Streetlight Reporting System

The streamlined Internet reporting system is interactive, easy to use, improves the ability of customers to use pole numbers and addresses to submit streetlight outages via the Internet. With the click of a mouse, customers can access maps depicting streetlight locations using the “Bing” mapping engine that is easy to read and use. In most cases the streetlight will be repaired within 15 days. Access to the new reporting system is displayed on the home page of pepco.com under Alerts and Outage Information. You can download their mobile app at www.pepco.com/mobileapp.

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